

## **Announcements – Jordan**

Good morning, and thank you for joining us today, in person or by livestream!

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Our Church is doing a new pictorial directory! You can sign up for your appointment at church on Sunday, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 or 9 or sign up via the link that was sent in an email. Photo dates are May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

You will have a professional photography session, schedule a ZOOM meeting to see your proofs on computer and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends. No purchase is necessary. Each family that is photographed will receive a free 8x10 color portrait and their own copy of the new church directory.

Volunteers will be available to assist you with the Zoom meeting at the church if assistance is needed.

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The Youth Group has decided to blanket our nursing home and assisted living communities with notes to let the residents know we are thinking of them. We need your help though! We have several facilities in the area with a large number of residents. If every person from each household can commit to sending 5 note cards, we can reach more residents.

This has been a very trying time for so many and we believe a show of love would be greatly appreciated. There will be a collection area in the room next to the nursery for you to drop off your notes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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The Touched Twice Clinic will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you would like to help, you can donate bags you receive from the Click List at Kroger, or by donating \$35.00, which covers the cost of one of the food boxes that will be distributed.

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**Call to Worship – Revelation 21:1-7 – Jordan**

*1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*

*2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

*3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

*4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

*5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

*6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.*

*7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.*

**Kid’s Korner – Jordan**

**Hymn – Come, Thou Almighty King – 2 verses**

**Joys and Concerns – Jordan**

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**Morning Prayer – Sally McClain**

**Special Music – Songs Like Those for Days Like These – Amy Bramlette**

**Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-12 –**

*<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach*

*<sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*

*<sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

<sup>4</sup> *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*

<sup>5</sup> *For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

<sup>6</sup> *Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”*

<sup>7</sup> *He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.*

<sup>8</sup> *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

<sup>9</sup> *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

<sup>10</sup> *They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.*

<sup>11</sup> *“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

### **Sermon – Lessons Learned: Where Do We Go from Here?**

### **Invitation Hymn – Just As I Am – 2 verses**

### **Stewardship Meditation**

I have a friend who works for a company that does something interesting with their profits – they give them away. The company uses their prophets to take care of families who do not have enough resources to take care of their needs.

### **Stewardship Prayer**

*Dear Lord,*

*In our daily life here on Earth, You are our Shepherd, and we do not want for anything because of that. You lead us to green pastures and still waters. You restore our soul. You allow our cup to overflow with goodness and mercy all the days of our life. Please help us, Lord, to be more and more grateful for how You have provided for us; and to be eternally responsible stewards of all that we have. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*

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**Doxology – played, but no singing**

**Communion Meditation**

*I am the vine, Jesus said, and you are the branches. A lesson of the last year is just how important it is to remain connected to one another, and how much we have missed those connections. This is my favorite part of the worship service, when we come to the table. Coming to the table reminds us of how much we need to remain connected to Jesus, for it is in him that we find life. Receive these elements today – the bread and the cup – and with them receive the promise of his love and his presence in your life.*

**Prayer for the Bread and Cup – Mary Dale Hipple**

**Prayer for the cup – The Lord’s Prayer**

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Words of institution – when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.”  
And he took the cup also and said, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

**Benediction**

*May the Lord, the mighty God, bless, preserve, and keep you. May he give you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, the mighty God, bless, preserve you and keep you. Amen, and God bless you.*